

Patent Application
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Remarks/Arguments

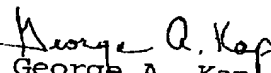
Claims 1-20 remain in this patent application. Claim 1 has been amended; claims 2-11 are original claims; and claims 12-20 have been withdrawn.

Affirmation is hereby made of the election of claims 1-11.

In order to overcome the rejection of claims 1-11 on the second paragraph of 35 USC 112 as being indefinite, claim 1 has been amended to indicate that the microstructured region and the region disposed around the microstructured region are both chalcogenide and that the central opening is at least about 1 micron wide.

It is believed that these amendments to claim 1 will render claim 1-11 allowable and a notice thereof is requested.

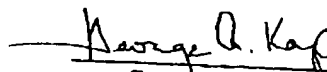
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